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## Most Labor Advisors Urge Legislative Purge Of 5 Unfair Senators, 37 Representatives

### INDIANAPOLIS TEAMSTERS PRAISED FOR SALVAGE DRIVE

#### News Editorial

#### Calls 1,100 Tons 'Wonderful Job'

For the third successive time the Indianapolis Teamsters have received high praise for their work in collecting salvage, a volunteer service considered most important of all civilian defense activities.

The Teamsters, belonging to five local unions all members of Joint Council 69, have been credited with putting across the three campaigns. They have driven their trucks through the streets picking up the sidewalk bundles and delivering these bundles to central collecting points.

Working voluntarily and frequently all day Sunday and into the night, often without time off to eat, the Teamsters have given work, without which the three campaigns would have failed, officials of the campaigns have stated.

A citation from Governor Henry F. Schricker and Dudley A. Smith, salvage director in October, 1942, tells of the Teamsters' work in that month in collecting two million  
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#### REGISTER TODAY!

#### OCT. 9 LAST CALL FOR VOTE CHANCE

Time is short! Only one month remains to get all Indiana voters registered. October 9 is the final date, either to register or transfer a registration in order to vote in the November election.

With Republican county clerks and GOP machines in many Indiana counties making every effort to hinder and impede the Democrats in their effort to register the Independent and Democratic vote, it is necessary that all county chairmen and vice-chairmen increase the tempo of the registration work in all of Indiana's 92 counties. Fred F. Bays, Democratic state chairman, pointed out.

Within a very few days all war ballots must be mailed to the G. I. voters overseas if the servicemen and women are to have an opportunity to vote.  
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#### Warehousemen Needed

LAPORTE.—The Kingsbury Ordnance Plant has announced that it will pay 91 cents an hour for warehousemen and 97 cents for drivers, and transportation costs for those working at least 30 days. For further information communicate with Robert Summers, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Union, 717½ Michigan Ave., this city.

#### Roosevelt to Start Campaign Addressing Nation's Teamsters

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and representatives from every state in the Union of 600,000 members of that union will be host to President Roosevelt in Washington September 23, when the President opens his campaign for re-election.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Twenty-five Teamster Union leaders of Indiana will attend the reception, also a banquet and special IBT war conference on the following day, also in Washington.

President Roosevelt's speech will be broadcast over all the major radio networks.

This will not be the first time that the Teamsters' Union has played host to the President of the United States. In 1940 he opened his third term campaign with an address before the International convention in Washington.

When asked by newsmen whether the President's talk might be intended to cement the labor vote behind his fourth term bid, IBT President Daniel J. Tobin replied: "He's already got it."

The President indicated that his speech would be "political." Announcement of the special IBT conference in Washington was made by President Tobin at International headquarters in Indianapolis. He said that it had been called to deal with the "serious emergency that has arisen within our organization because of the fact that, as the world war in which we are engaged becomes larger in proportion, greater equipment is necessary, and  
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#### TRUCK TIRE PROBE URGED BY SENATE

Charges that the trucking industry is being stifled in its attempts to aid the war effort, and is facing virtual extinction because of the continued cuts in heavy-tire allocations, have been made recently by the Illinois Motor Truck Operators' Association.

The association, headed by Walter E. McCarron, passed a resolution in Chicago demanding a Senate investigation of the handling of tire and manpower quotas.

The Office of Defense Transportation, through a local spokesman, has recognized that a critical tire shortage does exist, but declares that the situation is now under review by federal agencies which are formulating a plan to alleviate it.

The problem is to increase supplies of civilian truck tires without obstructing the increased requirements of the military.

Meantime, however, the trucking operators declare that there are hundreds of idle motor trucks in the Chicago area and in other parts of the United States, and that there has been an "unmerciful cutting" of manpower.

McCarron declared:

"The motor transportation crisis is national. Extinction is not a matter of months, but of weeks for most operators. Since motor carriers are employed almost entirely in carrying war supplies, the war needs will feel the first curtailment."

STEVEN TOTH.

#### Atherton and Other Anti-Union Members of 1943 General Assembly Listed Here NOT To Be Re-elected

By SCOTT ARMSTRONG

Organized labor in Indiana will seek to defeat five State Senators and 37 Representatives who voted against labor in the 1943 Legislature when they come up for re-election November 7.

All Hoosier trade unionists, including 25,000 Teamsters, will be asked to vote against the 5 & 37 as a "duty which labor owes itself."

This request will be made by a large majority of the 10-member Labor Advisory Committee which has just been appointed to the Democratic State Central Committee by Fred F. Bays, Democratic state chairman.

E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Union 135, Indianapolis, a member of the Advisory Committee, has made public the list of candidates who, he says, deserve retirement because of their previous record.

Most of the 5 & 37 are opposed by candidates whose sympathies for or against labor are not known to union leaders. Nevertheless the leaders will prefer a chance on these opposing candidates, on the theory that none of them will turn out as bad for labor as the proved enemies in the 83d General Assembly.

Heading the list of State Senators whom labor wants defeated is John W. Atherton of Indianapolis. Senator Atherton tried to railroad a local Hobbs Bill through the Upper House in the last days of its session. The bill, if passed, would have made it next to impossible for unions in Indiana to carry on their legitimate business.

Now while seeking re-election Senator Atherton denies (to labor leaders) that he knew the content of the bill when he introduced it "for someone else." That may go with some  
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#### Terre Haute Labor, Wanting Friend, Should Elect Jamison to Congress

Special notice to Teamsters of Terre Haute and vicinity, Local 144:

The best informed men on Indiana politics that we know believe Olin G. Jamison has a good chance of defeating Noble Johnson for Congressman from your district, providing labor will get out and work for Jamison.

This is a wonderful chance for the Teamsters to do something to help themselves.

Indiana Teamsters have been the backbone of most salvage drives in the state and of various other patriotic programs. It is high time that they begin to think about themselves and in terms of after-the-war.

In the past four years Indiana has sent eight or nine Congressmen to Washington, out of 11 districts, who have voted to abolish organized labor. In some of these districts there is apparently nothing labor can do about it. In others, such as the Sixth, centering in

Terre Haute, we're not so despondent.

The chief things that organized labor needs in its fight for prosperity are:

1. A friendly President of the United States, whom we have and hope to keep for a fourth term.
2. Friendly representation in Congress.

When we see a chance to send a friend to Congress we owe it to ourselves to capitalize that opportunity to the limit. Jamison is labor's friend. His record in the 1927

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#### Headquarters in Anthony

FORT WAYNE.—Room No. 1 on the eighth floor of the Anthony Hotel here will be headquarters for Indiana Teamsters attending the State Federation of Labor convention. Teamsters will banquet Thursday night, Sept. 21, after which the Indiana State Drivers Council will hold its regular monthly business meeting. Following this meeting delegates will leave for Washington to attend the nationwide Teamsters conclave called by President Daniel J. Tobin.

# REGISTER TODAY!



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## Untimely Demise

The other day Wendell Willkie walked into the lobby of the Claypool Hotel and no one paid any attention to him. He stood there alone, not surrounded by the big mob of enthusiastic, cheering Republicans who would have thronged about him four years ago.

Four years ago the Hoosier GOPers would have mobbed Willkie just to look at him and fawn idiotically upon their hero.

Willkie was the greatest man that ever lived. He was going to have lower taxes and more prosperity and he hit the nail smack on the head (for them) when he demanded that Roosevelt quit running for President so that there would be a chance for every boy in America to be President.

They made a pilgrimage to Elwood to acclaim this great man and good, they did, and they voted for him to be President.

Now these same Indiana Republicans are mad at Willkie, and they say they made a colossal mistake in voting for him. They don't want any man like Willkie in the White House.

How then can these same voters be sure they are so right this time in wanting Dewey when they were admittedly so wrong the last time in wanting Willkie?

If Dewey should be elected in November—well, look at his picture on this page. He is singing an anthem of starvation, "Apple Days Are Here Again."

We know Republicans who flatly assert they would rather have the apple days back, forty million people hungry, than to have any more of Roosevelt. These people are well within their rights to entertain any inhuman theory that can be thought up for them by master minds of the National Manufacturers' Association and Chamber of Commerce. They are within their rights to prefer to see other people starve and shot at for begging help, well within their rights. But they have a hell of a nerve to call themselves Christians.

If the Republicans fail to elect Dewey—and the straw polls indicate he's licked—Dewey may conceivably go the way of Willkie. Dewey may take a trip around the world and like Willkie find out for the first time a few things about economics which many other people, including Roosevelt, have known all their lives. And he may tell America about these wonderful discoveries.

But he's a dead Dewey if he dares to assert that Big Business must pay federal taxes and living wages.

Willkie let this idea pop and the masters of the Republicans—the factory owners and their bankers and slick paper magazines—they turned against Willkie.

Therefore, if Tom Dewey fails in November, and expects to make a comeback, he'd best continue along the lines of his present campaign.

He would best just promise prosperity for everybody and not tell anybody how he plans to achieve it.

## Can You Buy Statesmanship?

The election of Henry F. Schrieker in 1940 as Governor of Indiana proved, among other things, one particular principle, and that is that you cannot always purchase statesmanship in Indiana. Schrieker won his campaign without spending a nickel. His opponent, Glen R. Hillis of Kokomo, reputedly spent a half million dollars—of his wife's money, inherited from the inventions of her illustrious father, the late Elwood Haynes. But the money didn't avail in Lake County, and so Henry became Governor and Hillis the forgotten man.

Right now Indiana has another chance to tell the world that you cannot buy its highest honors. Another "spender," Capehart, is trying to buy his way into the U.S. Senate. If money can decide, Mr. Capehart will outrun Governor Schrieker, and

it will be U.S. Senator, the Honorable Homer E. Capehart, Gentleman from Indiana. But we don't believe that money will decide the Senatorial contest, and even if it could, that Capehart will put up enough to beat Schrieker. Capehart spent \$15,000 to get nominated, according to the Republican newspapers, and he is said to be still handing it out, but in little dribs.

Personally, Mr. Capehart is said to be a very fine man. He would make a good mayor for a city, say the size of Tipton. But he is a bit ambitious when he classifies himself as Senatorial timber and asks Indiana to send him to Washington for the discussion of world affairs when he patently knows something about the manufacturing of juke boxes and nothing else.

If sent to the Senate, Homer Capehart would vote against every Administration measure, against every proposition calculated to aid organized labor. He is a member of the National Manufacturers' Association and would do everything ordered by that labor-hating group.

Every intelligent Republican in Indiana this editor knows has said he intends to scratch Capehart from his ballot. It's a good idea!

## Teamster Has Life of Riley In Frozen North—Oh, Yes!

All of us "victims" on the home-front of the global war, who feel so sorry for ourselves because denied full rations of Calvert's and Camels should be made to memorize a poem written by Roy Irwin, former recording secretary of Teamsters' Local Union No. 414, Fort Wayne.

Before joining the U. S. Army December 31, 1943, Brother Irwin was a driver for the Safety Cab Co., additional to serving the union. He was sent to Alaska and another location described in the poem written to his wife in Fort Wayne.

The poem, too long for reproduction here in its entirety, explains to Mrs. Irwin that Roy is "In a land where the sun never shines," and so far away from any community that the only recreation the men have on pay day is to shoot craps in their quarters.

We are soldiers of the frozen north,  
Serving our country in rain and sleet;  
Praying and hoping that someday we may  
Get back to the sunshine and heat.

We are here in this deserted land,  
Where the bear and the wolf always roam;  
Forgotten by God and every one else,  
And some of the folks back home.

"You must go to Alaska," said Uncle Sam,  
"And build for us an air base."  
So here we are and we're doing our best,  
In this God-forsaken place!

And when we die, if we go to Hell,  
The devil will treat us all nice;  
He'll put us on fire and thaw us out—  
For he knows that we've been on ice.

## Find Southard, Reported Missing; Kokomo Teamster Writes From War

Here is a letter from Harold E. Welcher of the Kokomo Teamsters just received by O. B. Chambers:

I received your paper and was sure glad to get it. First one I got from my home town and I can really get the low down on the meetings from it. And I was surprised when I found my name in it. Never thought I would see my name in the paper.

I got a letter from your secretary, too. A very nice one. I hope she can write more often.

Well, I had it plenty easy for about eight days. Got a four-day rest in Rome. Had a good time, although had a job on the beach as a life guard. But you know, a good thing don't last long.

Oh, well, spent four days there. Got a lot of rest and a good tan. No beer though, but what can I expect?

Boy, I got a kick out of Jack Frazer! Too bad he can't get a blouse to fit him. Although can't see where he got that steak. Tell the boys at the temple I hope to take part in the meetings in the near future and will be glad to get back on a truck.

The paper reads that there are some road jobs in your territory now. That's for me. Well, I've got to close now. I hope to be seeing you soon. So long.

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. Harold Welcher.

Address all mail to Pvt. H. E. Welcher, C. N. Co., 350th Inf., APO 88, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

## G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS

INDIANAPOLIS.—One of the major programs to help unemployed veterans of World War II re-establish themselves in civilian life went into effect in Indiana September 10. It's the readjustment allowance program under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

## SOUTH BEND TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

Agent William Hansen reports that the War Labor Board granted small wage increases to the Grocery and Paper Warehouses after the application had been in since March 1. Also the inside ice men at Polar Ice and Fuel have obtained some increases.

In justice to Agent Leo Bauer of the Freight Division, I wish to correct a typographical error in the last issue. I stated he came into the office with a short shirt on that ran the thermometer up, but it was a sport shirt, and I think I can buy it cheap now. He insists I like loud shirts, too; but, Leo, you know that wouldn't go so well with my bald pate, so I'll stick to white and be our age. Eh, what? Leo reports that the labor situation, insofar as the Freight Division is concerned, is easing up some and says several ex-members are drifting back to peacetime steady jobs. We personally cannot find fault with anyone protecting their own future, but the most important matter, the war, is not yet won and it would be a dangerous practice if too many shift from vital war factories into less essential jobs at this time. Therefore it behooves us all to stick to the job where we are best suited until final victory.

(Make Mine Dewey's) Agent Mike Granat of the Brewery and Soft Drink and Milk Division reports everything O. K. in his line, outside of a few grievances here and there. But Mike's shoulders are broad and I notice he always lives through them.

Bert Snyder, our curly-headed business representative from Goshen and Elkhart, reports everything O. K. in his neck of the woods. He says he'll be glad to meet Pat Hess in Fort Wayne at the convention and thank him for the help he gave Buck on his road jobs this summer. I mean supplied the help, and you know you needed men anyway, Buck. Some of O. B. Chambers' men from Kokomo have also been here this summer visiting on the Reith Riley job, east of the city.

Your correspondent reports no news from the War Labor Board on an increase submitted for coal drivers, but, perhaps, no news means good news—at least we hope so. These men have a hard job, and really deserve an increase.

The Brooks Construction Co., of Fort Wayne, who are laying about 24 miles of black top between Plymouth and Warsaw, recently established a state-wide record in the number of tons of black top put out and laid down in one day. There are ten or twelve trucks operated by owner-operators who are members of Local No. 364, and have been on this job since it started and helped establish this record. I personally talked with the superintendent on this job and he stated it was one of the best jobs of trucking he has had on any job for a long time. Clay Paxton, of Mishawaka, has been acting steward on this job, so congratulations to you, Clay, and the rest of your gang down there!

Oh, by the way, if you have called our office lately, it's probably that girl with the appealing voice, Miss Ann Payne, who answers, and I don't mean "pain." I don't know whether to pass an opinion on this new member of our office family yet, but you see she has to type this stuff for me, so I think she's OK, and doing a nice job to date.

President Walter Biggs has been in Chicago the last few days in connection with the recent tie-up in the freight lines, as he is an officer of the 12-State Area Highway Executive Board.

Bettie Harrington, our book-keeper, looks fit as a fiddle after her recent much-needed vacation at the lake.





# Most of These Men Want Anti-Labor Solons Defeated

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voters, but with none who has looked into Senator Atherton's previous record and discovered it consistently anti-labor.

The four other Senators on labor's Index Expurgatorius are: Lucius Somers of Hoagland (Allen and Noble counties), bad anti-labor voting record.

Harry M. Shull of Auburn (DeKalb, LaGrange and Steuben counties), bad anti-labor voting record.

Elgar I. Higgs of Connersville (Fayette, Rush and Shelby counties), bad anti-labor voting record.

Robert L. Brokenburr, Indianapolis, bad anti-labor voting record.

## REPRESENTATIVES MARKED BAD:

W. O. Hughes, Fort Wayne (Allen County).

Harold E. Korn, Fort Wayne (Allen County).

Charles Z. Bons, Fort Wayne (Allen and Whitley).

Glenn R. Slenker, Monticello (Benton and White).

Ben Herr, Lebanon (Boone).

Roy Duggins, Elizabeth (Crawford and Harrison).

Albert B. Thompson, North Vernon (Decatur and Jennings).

Charles T. Miser, Garrett (DeKalb).

Paul G. Moffett, R. R. 2, Indianapolis.

Robert A. Hoover, Goshen (Elkhart).

Roy J. Harrison, Attica (Fountain).

Alpha Hoesel, Kewanna (Fulton and Pulaski).

Gene Eckerty, Princeton (Gibson).

Ralph Harvey, New Castle (Henry).

Raymond C. Morgan, Knightstown (Henry and Rush).

George N. Freeman, Kokomo (Howard).

Roscoe N. Kitt, Huntington (Huntington).

Howard R. Hiestand, Kentland (Jasper and Newton).

Herbert M. Coperland, Madison (Jefferson and Scott).

Kenneth F. Blackwell, Franklin (Johnson and Marion).

Mart Smith, Williams (Lawrence).

Nelle B. Downey, Indianapolis.

Wilbur H. Grant, Indianapolis.

Earl B. Teckemeyer, Indianapolis.

C. Edwin Moseley, Peru (Miami).

George V. Henley, Bloomington (Monroe).

Mrs. Clara Van Coons, Crawfordsville (Montgomery).

Leo M. Dennis, Pekin (Orange and Washington).

Renos H. Richards, Patricksburg (Owen and Putnam).

Edward M. Woodward, Bloomingtondale (Parke).

Elmer C. Weller, Dale (Perry and Spencer).

Mrs. Ira R. Wilson, Boonville (Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick).

Charles H. Leavell, Winchester (Randolph).

George N. Copeland, Osgood (Ripley and Switzerland).

Alvin M. Jewell, Hymers (Sullivan).

Jesse C. Andrew, West Point (Tippecanoe).

Burt Summerland, Wabash (Wabash).



A majority of the Labor Advisory Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee, representing 500,000 trade union members of the three major organizations in Indiana, will seek defeat in November of five Senators and 37 Representatives of last Legislature who voted against labor bills. Left to right the Advisory Committee members are:

E. J. Williams of Teamsters' Local Union No. 135, Indianapolis; Alex E. Gordon, Indianapolis, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; Ray C. Gilbert, Seymour, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Arnold Atwood, Indianapolis, United Automobile

Workers; Earl W. Collins, Evansville, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Local 242, chairman of the committee; Thomas R. Hutson, Indiana State Labor Commissioner; Carl Vestal, Indianapolis, Central Labor Union, and Walter Frisbie, Indianapolis, secretary CIO. Powers Haggood, state chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, and James Robb, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, other members of the advisory committee, were absent from the city and, therefore, not pictured with the group at its first meeting in the Claypool Hotel.

## Gib Foster, of Lafayette, and Lew Miller, Indianapolis Teamster, Heroes of War, Are Wounded; Miller Seriously

Here is a letter from Gib Foster, war-wounded member of Teamsters' Union 543, to his peacetime employer, Russell F. Davis, of the Davis Excavating Company in Lafayette:

Hello Russell:

Just a few lines to let you know that everything is going along as good as could be expected. I suppose you think I had forgotten you. But don't you worry, that will not happen again. I am feeling fine,

and sure hope this finds you the same. Well, we got over here in France and we were only here two days getting ready to go into battle. So we get all set, ready for the take-off, and they tell you one thing you're not to do, and that is not to get scared and run off anywhere. So I said to myself, "I'll just keep a stiff upper lip and a cool head and see how things turn out." So here we go. We get up to the front lines, and boy, I'm telling you when anybody comes around and tells you they weren't scared after being in battle, you tell them they are wrong. Because when they start laying bombs, artillery shells, bullets, and bricks and dirt starts flying all around you, and you look up and see this fellow and that fellow get bumped off, it sure makes you wonder as to where the next shell is going to land.

The Germans have so many snipers you have to put up with. They can be 50 yards away from you with those snipers that they wear, and you don't see them until they shoot at you. Then you pick one out and just drill him full of holes.

When we started out, I was the guy to pack the ammunition carrier. Then ahead of me was the loader for these guns we have. So we get up to the front line; everything goes along okay for awhile. The loader for the gun was a fellow that liked to wander around a lot. So one day, about noon, a sniper spots him and bumps him off. So that promoted me. I was then loader for the gun. A few days after that, Corporal Guner gets bumped off. So that made it that I had to take over his position. When we got that all cleared up it made me one of the gunners for one of those big guns of ours.

When we started out again we were going to start an attack last Sunday morning. Just before that attack started, we had a few minutes, so I decided I would eat breakfast before we started. We were at the outer edge of a village and I sat down in a ditch beside the road to eat. I had just finished eating and had turned around to go over to the truck to get a drink of water when the Germans sent over an artillery shell. Neither the fellow sitting next to me nor I heard it coming. But when it went off it seemed like it was about a foot above my head. I fell face down in the ditch as soon as I heard it go off. When I looked up,

I asked the fellow, "Did it hit you?" He said, "No, did it hit you?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Where," and I told him, "In the leg."

He helped me to my feet, and I walked across the road to where the first aid men were. They cut my pants leg open just above the knee, and there she was. I had a hole in my leg about the size of a dime. They put a patch on my leg to stop the bleeding. I jumped into a jeep, and for the hospital I went. When I got to the hospital they bandaged me up some more, then put me on a boat, and here I am back in England again. I'm still walking around.

All I'm looking out for now is that trip back to the good old U. S. A. I sure don't care for any more of this stuff over here. Well, Russell, that is about all for now. So write, and I will always answer.

As ever,  
GIB FOSTER.

Pfc. Gerald Foster, 35562363, Det. of Patients 4170 U. S. A. Hosp. Plant A. P. O. 640 Care Postmaster New York, New York.

Word received from Lew K. Miller, peacetime member of Teamsters' Local 135, now in the U. S. Navy, is not so hot.

His brother, Robert Miller, former business agent of the local and also now in the Navy, has written to Russell Houze, explaining that Lew is in a hospital somewhere in New Guinea. He is suffering a shot received in the back, near the spine. The letter says that he is pretty blue and in pretty bad shape.

A few letters from the boys here would help more than all the medicine they can give him, Mr. Houze believes.

Miller formerly worked for Silver Fleet and for the Indiana, Richmond, Cincinnati and Dayton Co.

His address is:  
Pfc. Lew K. Miller, 6661316 364 Station Hospital, Unit 1 APO 322 Ward 14 Care Fleet Postmaster San Francisco, California.

## Local 144 Nears Agreement

TERRE HAUTE.—The War Labor Board (Sixth Regional in Chicago) has partially approved an agreement between Teamsters' Union 144 and the Miller-Parrott Baking Co. of this city.

## EAST CHICAGO LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

"The War Department deeply regrets to inform you, that your son, Leo Motush, has died of wounds received while in action." These cold and heart-piercing words were received by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Motush, Sr. They are the parents of the first member of Local 520 to give his all for our country. Leo and his two brothers, who at present are in service, along with his father, Stanley, of Booster Beverage, are members of our union. Leo was a nice clean-cut young man, with a smile on his face every time you met him. We are going to miss him very much. Eternal rest grant him, Oh, Lord!

We regret the passing of another young member, Jos. Kaczku, of Justah Trucking Co. Jos. was recently discharged from the Army. He was 26 years old.

Met Pete Grunstein of Calumet Brewing, who is home on leave. Pete has been serving in Alaska for 18 months.

Our beer contract has gone to the War Labor Board. We are asking \$5 per week for drivers and warehousemen. The City Freight contract is still up there.

Toney Kwiatkowski wrote from somewhere in the Pacific. He says it is mighty lonesome there, and would like to hear from the boys.

Well, the fuck of the Irish! Jack McShane, one of our filling station owners, breaks the ice. He was presented with a nice big baby boy by Mrs. McShane. Papa and baby are getting along in good style. Well, with the gas business being so bad, he has more time for pleasure than the rest of the boys. But it's a start. So members, please take notice!

The Stone & Webster job at Standard Oil is about washed up. So is the Kralh job at DuPont.

I never saw such bad manners as I did the other day at Michigan City. Mike and Scotty of Local 142 eating without using knife or fork. They would pick up the meat off their plates with their fingers and chew away. Such people!

## Mechanics Laundry Is Unfair!

### CENTRAL LABOR UNION OF INDIANAPOLIS

Peoples Bank Building  
130 East Market St., Room 624  
Indianapolis, Indiana

August 30, 1944

### TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ALL A. F. OF L. ORGANIZATIONS.

#### Greetings:

The Central Labor Union wishes to call to the attention of all A. F. of L. members that the Mechanics Laundry and Supply Co., 727 East Vermont St., was placed on the WE DO NOT PATRONIZE list by unanimous vote of the delegates on August 28, 1944.

This action was taken at the request of Teamsters' Local No. 188 and the International Laundry Workers' Union who are picketing the Mechanics Laundry due to the refusal of the management to meet with the Union Representatives in spite of the fact they had obtained the signatures of approximately 75 per cent of the employees on authorization cards for union representation.

The management has also refused to meet with the C. L. U. Grievance Committee and the representatives of the unions involved, apparently due to pressure from the Laundry Association.

The conditions under which these two organizations are trying to better the wages and working conditions of these poor unfortunate laundry workers certainly is deserving of the support of every member of the American Federation of Labor.

The Central Body requests a representative of each Local Union either to call or write Mr. Edwin French (Rt. 5491 or 727 East Vermont St.) for a verification of his refusal to meet with labor representatives, in order that your members can be properly advised.

Concurrence in this request by all A. F. of L. locals will not only convince Mr. French that the American Federation of Labor is alive, but it will also give the Teamsters and Laundry Workers proper co-operation and support.

Fraternalty yours,  
(Signed) CLYDE McCORMACK  
Business Representative.



# Register Today and Help Elect New Deal Friends

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tunity to return their ballots in time to have them counted.

The election calendar, under Indiana state law, follows:

Oct. 9—The last day for a voter not coming under the war ballot law to register before the general election. Also the last day on which a voter may transfer his registration before the election.

Oct. 23—The last day when applications for war ballots may be received by the clerk where the ballots are to be mailed without the territorial limits of the United States.

Oct. 27—The last day on which the members of the armed forces may personally procure and vote at the clerk's office official war ballots.

Oct. 28—The first day on which a voter may personally procure and vote a regular absent voter's ballot at the clerk's office.

Oct. 28—The last day when applications for war ballots may be received by the clerk where ballots are to be mailed to the voters within the territorial limits of the United States.

Oct. 28—The last day a person serving with the armed forces, if personally present in county of his voting residence, may register with the clerk of the Circuit Court.

Nov. 4—The last day a voter may make application for a regular absent voter's ballot.

Nov. 6—The last day a voter may personally procure and vote a regular absent voter's ballot.

Nov. 7—Election day; polls open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## TEAMSTERS PRAISED FOR PAPER SALVAGE

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pounds of scrap metal from the streets of Indianapolis. An expression of appreciation from Governor Schricker and Everett L. Gardner, chairman of the Russian Relief Committee, tells of the Teamsters' work in May, 1944, in collecting clothing for the Russians.

Latest recognition is an editorial in the *Indianapolis News* praising the Teamsters' Union for living up "to its fine record of cooperation" in the waste paper collection of August 20, in which they carted more than 1,100 tons from the sidewalks to the Fairgrounds loading station. This was accompanied by a letter from W. J. (Curly) Ash, campaign director of that collection, for three sponsoring Indianapolis newspapers. The letter reads: Mr. Russell Houze, President, Teamsters' Joint Council No. 69, AFL,

28 West North Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Russ:

Please accept my deep appreciation for the outstanding contribution made to the waste paper collection by members of Council No. 69. The *Indianapolis Star*, *Times* and *News* join in tribute to you and your men.

We have been told that the Indianapolis collection broke all records, and I personally realize that this could not have been accomplished had it not been for the faithful service and hard work of the Teamsters.

Incidentally, your personal cooperation in advance of the collection made it possible for us to recruit more than 250 trucks. I note that the *Indianapolis News* of August 21 mentioned the Teamsters in an editorial and I was very glad to see that such credit was given.

It was a great demonstration of hard work and patriotism on the part of so many members of your organization, and to them goes a major share of the success of this war effort.

Sincerely,  
CURLY ASH,  
Campaign Director.

In the waste paper collection the Teamsters manned 150 trucks, along with 50 trucks from the U. S. Army and a like number from the City of Indianapolis. All were dispatched under the supervision of Earl Porter, safety director of the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., who, with ten dispatchers, did a wonderful job of keeping operations moving smoothly, according to Mr. Houze.

## Jamison's Chance Against Johnson Good with Labor

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State Legislature proves that Johnson's record in Congress is not so hot. He voted against the Hobbs Bill. But in almost every issue where labor needed a friend Johnson was absent. Possibly he was afraid of offending his employer friends if he voted for labor. At any rate he was conspicuously missing in the House when offered a chance to vote on the Smith-Connally Bill and the act to override President Roosevelt's veto of this vicious anti-labor measure.

If Congressman Johnson, seeking re-election, has the effrontery to claim friendship for labor, ask him how come he muffed voting on the Smith-Connally bill. Congressman Johnson was very tactful when that bill was in Congress. He pussyfooted by not voting, and for that reason, if no other, deserves the high honor of being retired.

On the other hand, Dr. Jamison is an out-and-out friend of labor.

His platform contains this plank: "I shall use my best efforts to see that the gains made by labor are maintained and preserved after the war and that the interests of labor shall be dealt with fairly and justly at all times."

Moreover he is an educated man and would do his Hoosier State credit in any assemblage.

Dr. Jamison was born in Greene County and taught school there for a number of years. He served 26 months in the U. S. Army during World War I, and after that continued his educational interests, alternately teaching at State Teachers College, Terre Haute, and taking a doctor's degree at Stanford University in 1933.

He expresses the conviction that vision and courage are chief requisites of statesmen these days—vision to see what is needed and courage to fight for it.

## KOKOMO TEAMSTERS IN VICTORY AWARD

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any employee who has either quit or been discharged between the retroactive date established and the date of this order shall receive the amount of the increase for his classification up to the date on which his employment with the company terminated.

The company and the union are to send a joint letter to each such employee at his last known address advising him of his rights. The employee must mail his written application for retroactive pay to the company within 60 days after the date of mailing the letter.

Nearly 500 employees would be entitled to the retroactive pay increase and the week's vacation provisions. The retroactive pay would amount to about \$100 per employee who has been on the payroll since November.

Either the company or the unions may petition for a review of the directive order, in which event this order shall be suspended until disposition of the petition for review.

If a timely application for price relief has been filed with the OPA, the provisions of this directive order, which are made the basis for the application, shall become effective only upon determination by the OPA that the cost increases ordered will not require any change in price ceilings or, if no such determination is made, then upon approval by the director of economic stabilization. The parties will be notified promptly of such action.

The two public members of the War Labor Board and the two members representing labor agreed to the order while the two board members representing industry dissented with respect to the wage increase and retroactivity.

The local unions participating in the agreement were:

Local 759, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, AFL.  
Local 586, International Brother-

## GOSSIP-ON-A-SPREE!! FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

The regular monthly meeting of Local 193 will be held the second Friday in October at 8 p. m., in the Union Hall, 28 West North St., October 13.

Local 193 has had many complaints from its membership that the local's telephone number could not be found in the directory. We would like to advise all members that the number is listed in the classified section under Labor Organizations, which lists it as L.I. 8622.

We have had many letters from our members overseas asking that the fellows who they worked with prior to their induction into the armed forces write to them and let them know of some of the conditions back home and about their particular job, etc.

Local 193 would appreciate every member knowing a man in service to write him and tell the news of the home front as every man in service is eager for this news. This is one of the best of morale builders for the men who are doing such an excellent job for all of us here at home.

We are taking this opportunity to thank every member of Local 193 who participated in the very successful waste paper drive held in Indianapolis last month. It is through the cooperation of the Teamsters' locals that this and the previous war drives and campaigns have been so successful.

We have been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement through negotiations with the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. on their shop agreement, and have certified it to the National War Labor Board. A conciliator has been appointed to the case.

F. R. Perkins of the Perkins Trucking Co. hauling for Pearson, Fairway and Hoosier Furniture Co. has agreed to start paying the increase of five cents per hour as ordered by the National War Labor Board. Back pay on this operation will be paid as soon as a decision is returned by the OPA in regard to an increase in rates for the Perkins company. This will be in the very near future, as OPA inspectors have made an investigation of this case.

Columbia Terminals, Co. case, covering Sears-Roebuck & Co. operation, has returned from the National War Labor Board, granting an increase of five cents per hour to employees with three or more years of service. This case was sent in on a form ten for a blanket increase of five cents per hour for all employees. Local No. 193, together with the company has filed an appeal to the National War Labor Board.

Shop Stewards of Local No. 193 will hold their next regular meeting October 6 at 8:00 p. m. in the Union Hall at 28 West North St.

REMEMBER, TEAMSTERS! KEEP WRITING, KEEP BUYING AND KEEP GIVING THAT BLOOD THAT KEEPS THEM FIGHTING, FLYING AND LIVING.

hood of Firemen, Oilers, Helpers, Roundhouse and Railway Shop Laborers, AFL.

Local 1435, International Hodcarriers, Building and Common Laborers Union, AFL.

Local 932, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, AFL.  
Federal Labor Union 23450, AFL.

## Save the Pigeons

ATTENTION, Lowell Nussbaum, of *The Indianapolis Times*, and anyone else who would destroy the million pigeons on Monument Circle:

Harm not these feathered friends! In case Dewey should get elected we will need them for food.



By Al Lindahl

- Aug. 1—Just one month until September morn.  
Aug. 2—I bet that proposed vacation of B. A. Mike Granat, Joe Benke and Joe Farkas will be one for the books.  
Aug. 3—Reports on Elmer Wild in the hospital in England are all good to date.  
Aug. 4—Who would paint Smitty's feet? He claims Charlie McQuait and Seth Ely are to blame.  
Aug. 5—The Army gets the break in the bottle-shop this day.  
Aug. 6—Have you noticed all the "Key Birds" in their new uniforms?  
Aug. 7—I sure hope "Bill" and "Cozy" caught some fish over the weekend.  
Aug. 8—It looks like Fred Rock has hung a couple of nicknames that will stick: "Lightning" Goldberg, and "Thunder" Thomas.  
Aug. 9—Where does Joe Bella always go with his paint and brushes?  
Aug. 10—Frank Kaniewski still looking for that Bowsler fluid.  
Aug. 11—Alex O'Shinski trying to get well after that trip out to Chain-O-Lakes last night.  
Aug. 12—Mighty glad to hear that John Cobert is on the mend.  
Aug. 13—Who gets more sunburned than Jim Hubbard?  
Aug. 14—Cy Jagodits is going to ride the bus and feel safe. How about that, Jack Oliver?  
Aug. 15—A brand new boy at the Gordon Weists.  
Aug. 16—Where did "Whitey" Dubitz get that shiner?  
Aug. 17—Has Charlie Richardson kindled that old fire?  
Aug. 18—Since Bert Pratt moved near Tom Hedricks, the Superintendent, he thinks that anytime is a good time to come to work.  
Aug. 19—"Kayo" forgot his sandwiches, so no work. (You should see those sandwiches.)  
Aug. 20—Virgil "Stinky" Nelson finally got some teeth since moving on the farm.  
Aug. 21—Is Dorothy Rapol on another vacation?  
Aug. 22—Did "Bobbie" Singleton make the army?  
Aug. 23—Alva Helmick didn't like that contractor.  
Aug. 24—When does Tom Hedrick sleep?  
Aug. 25—New names for Rock and Alex: "Windy and Rain," respectively.  
Aug. 26—Understand Carl Theede is our new crown inventory man.  
Aug. 27—Missed the meeting.  
Aug. 28—Why did Swank smack Traenor?  
Aug. 29—Otto Cenkush spends more time in court than at work.  
Aug. 30—Why does everyone pick on Charlie Haney?  
Aug. 31—To bed early as I have a date with September morn.  
Sept. 1—And am I in a bad way?  
Sept. 2—Lot of work for the picnic.  
Sept. 3—A day of work so everyone can play on Labor Day (at the picnic).  
Sept. 4—A grand day for the picnic, and a good crowd. Lots of things happened that you are not going to get in this paper.  
Sept. 5—Where's Charlie Lawson, Fred Rock and a lot of others? Be seeing you next month along about this time.

## IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

We have recently finished negotiations on a new contract with the Shell American Petroleum Co. which has gone to the WLB. We also have one with the National Cylinder people in Logansport, an agreed-on agreement, which is ready to go before the WLB.

We just finished a hearing before Public Hearing Officer on city freight contract, and hope in the very near future to have something definite to report on it.

Ivan Frazer, who was our vice president and is now in the Army, was back on a furlough. He certainly has lost a lot of waist line. His address is Pvt. Ivan Frazer, Sec. R, Lowery Field No. 1, Colorado.

William Artis was also back on furlough from the Army.

The saddest of all news to report is the death of Eugene Goodnight who worked for the Miller Transfer Co. of Kokomo and was a member of long standing with this local. He was killed in an automobile accident on Road 31. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

We hope to be able to have some satisfactory report on the contract covering the Willett Truck Line within the next few weeks.

## LAFAYETTE NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

An increase of five cents per hour for the Sherman White Co. at Goodland, after being denied at Chicago, was approved through the Trucking Commission just lately, retroactive to June 2, 1944.

We met with officials of the Hicks Body Co., Monday, August 21, before Arbitrator Hampton. We are hoping for an early and favorable decision.

Otis Sense, former Teamster and employee of the Sunshine Farms, spent last week here on a furlough. Otis is serving with the Seabees and is located at a camp in Maine.

Our Labor Day celebration at the park here was a great success. Any fan who failed to see the fights at the Stadium in the evening missed one of the greatest events of the season. All entertainment was free.

The Milner Provision boys at Frankfort voted to retain their present contract for another year.

## Register! Register!

You can't vote unless you are registered. If you don't vote you can't help your fellow workers win a square deal at the polls. Don't neglect this vital duty. Furthermore, see that all the members of your family register and vote.